

US Army Corps of Engineers Portland District



Oregon Department of State Lands

## **Joint Public Notice**

## Notice of Wetland Mitigation Bank Instrument Approval Wilbur Island Mitigation Bank Lane County, Oregon

Issue Date: February 20, 2009 Corps File Number: NWP-2007-711

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (Corps), and the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) have approved a wetland mitigation bank near the City of Florence, Lane County, Oregon; Sections 20, 29, and 30, Township 18 South, Range 11 West (Figure 1). Don Wilbur, Limited Partnership is the bank sponsor.

A wetland mitigation bank is a means to meet the requirements for compensatory mitigation for future and as yet unknown wetland losses which may be permitted by the Corps under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and by the DSL in implementing the provisions of Oregon's Removal-Fill Law (ORS 196.800 - 196.990) and according to Rules for Issuance and Enforcement of Removal and Fill Permits (OAR 141-85-005 to OAR 141-85-660).

The bank is anticipated to generate 51.34 credits by enhancing (re-habilitation) 108.6 acres, restoring (re-establishment) 10.4 acres, and conserving 23.7 acres of estuarine wetlands. Project goals will be accomplished by restoring tidal hydrology and processes at the site, restoring estuarine-associated riparian forests, and conserving existing adjacent estuarine wetland areas as buffers. Work includes the removal of the dike system, filling borrow channels and drainage ditches, and re-constructing historic tidal channels.

The service area, which is the area within which the mitigation credits generated by the bank may be used, consists of the Siuslaw watershed (Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 17100206), sub-watersheds (05, 06, and 07) of the Alsea River watershed (HUC 17100205) to the north, and the small Siltcoos watershed (HUC 17100207) to the south (Figure 2).

A map of the service area and information on contacting the bank sponsor is also available on the DSL website: <a href="http://oregon.gov/DSL/PERMITS/mitbank">http://oregon.gov/DSL/PERMITS/mitbank</a> status.shtml.

An Interagency Review Team (IRT), composed of representatives of federal, state and local agencies and other interested parties, assisted in the development of the Mitigation Bank Instrument for the proposed bank and will periodically review bank operations.

Agency points of contact for this mitigation bank are:

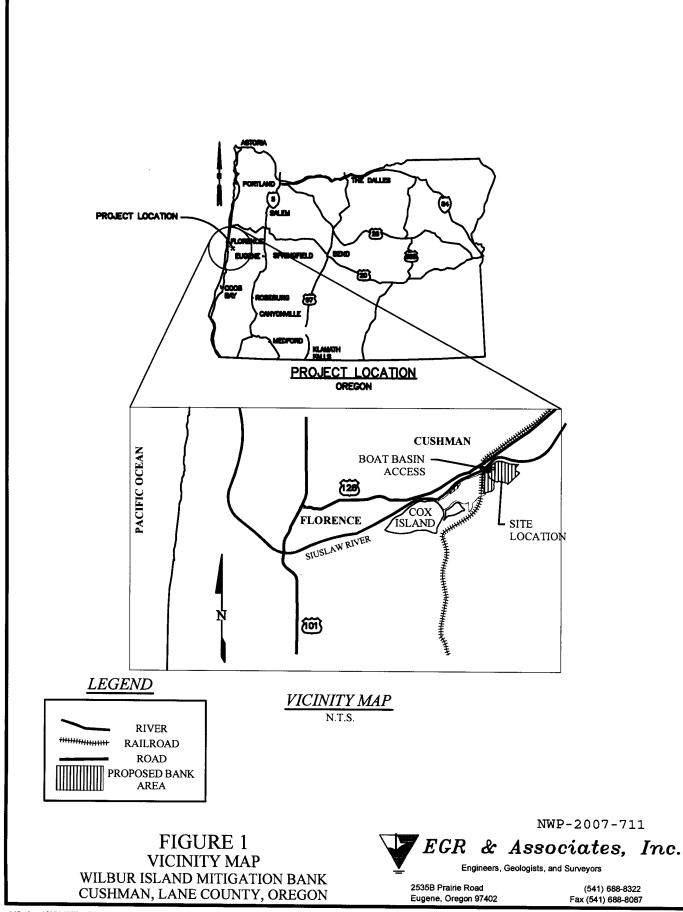
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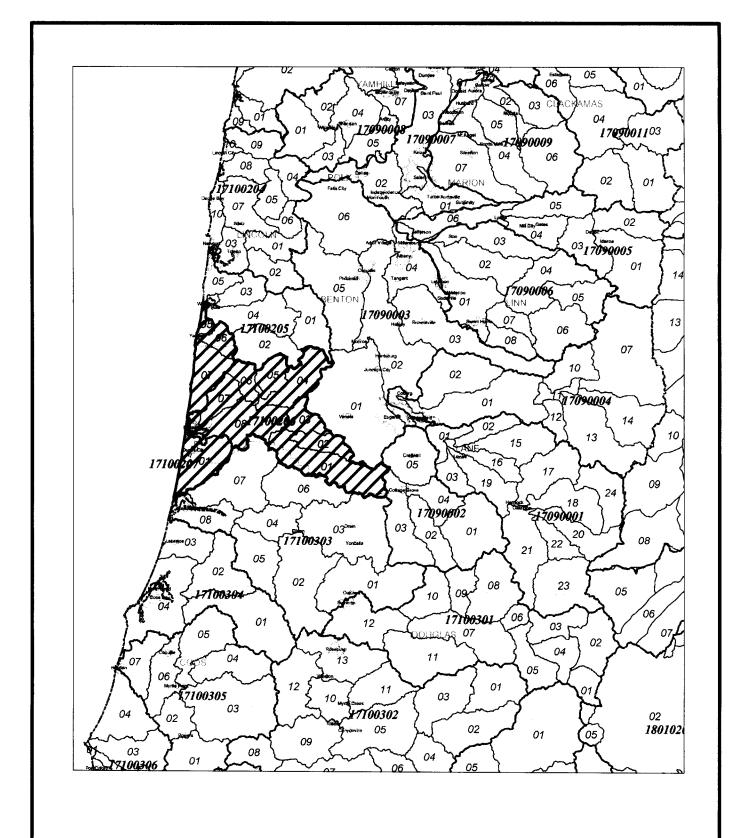
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To inquire about the purchase of mitigation credits, please contact the bank sponsor, Don Wilbur, LP at (541) 964-3345, toll-free at (877) 964-3345, or by email at <a href="mailto:dwilbur@casco.net">dwilbur@casco.net</a>.





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## FIGURE 2

SERVICE AREA MAP WILBUR ISLAND MITIGATION BANK CUSHMAN, LANE COUNTY, OREGON



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